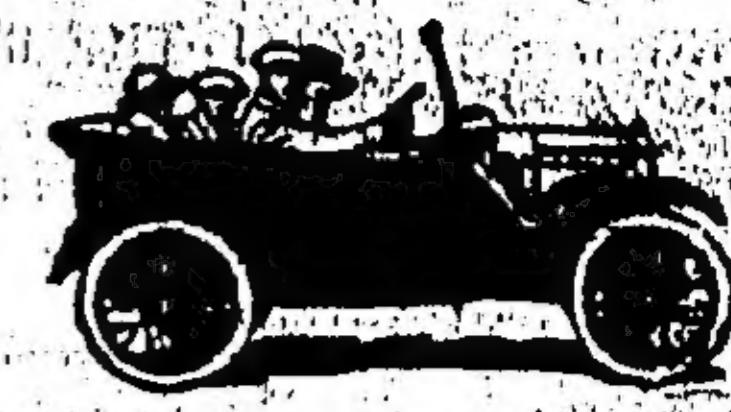


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ALLEGED PLANS OF MOSCOW.

POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL COMBINATIONS.

VEILED THREAT TO JAPAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, November 20.

The Riga correspondent of the "Times" cables that political circles in Moscow are busy working out new international combinations, particularly with regard to France, Japan and China.

The Men Who Are Shaping Russia's Destiny.



Rykov, the President.



Trotsky, the Army Chief.

One group advocates re-establishing in some form, the Franco-Russian pre-war alliance.

In regard to Far Eastern policy, an article in the "Pravda" says the immediate need of the Soviet is to regulate her relations with Japan.

Warning To Tokyo.

The Soviet diplomats, however, insist that Japan should cur-

tail her demands for baphtha concessions; otherwise the Soviet diplomats will refuse further negotiations and will create a new combination in Asia, based on a close military and economic alliance between the Soviet and China.

Japan, it is added, must understand that such alliance will menace her schemes, unless she joins the combination.

KIDNAPPING "SCARE."

SERIOUS SEQUEL IN SINGAPORE.

ONE MAN KILLED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, November 20.

As a sequel to the kidnapping scare, there were serious disturbances in the Chinese quarter last evening.

Man Killed.

The crowd killed a Tamil, accused of kidnapping, injured a Bengali and wrecked a motor-car.

OPIUM PROBLEM.

SUGGESTIONS TO COMBAT USE OF DRUG.

(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, November 20.

When the opium conference resumed sitting to-day, the delegates listened to addresses from philanthropic societies, largely British and American. One French and one Chinese society submitted suggestions to combat the use of narcotics. The Spanish delegate proposed the secretariat should distribute information to the delegations of the suggestions; the private association of the conference should have reassembled to-morrow, but it has been adjourned, thus showing that agreement has not yet been reached, regarding the Japanese contention respecting import licenses.

Canadian Plans.

The conference concluded with a general discussion. The Canadian delegate declared Canada was prepared to give general support to a movement for the limitation of the manufacture of opium derivatives; also to effective control of its import and export. Dr. Alfred Sze pledged China's support of the conference. The Egyptian delegate suggested the inclusion of hashish in the list of narcotics. The Turkish delegate dwelt on the sufferings of Turks from hashish. Sir Malcolm Delvingne said Britain held the opinion that complete elimination was impossible, though limitation of production was possible.

The Indian delegate accepted the scheme prepared by the advisory committee.

The American delegation submitted a plan with a view to combatting the traffic. After this the meeting adjourned until the afternoon.

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

BRITAIN'S DESIRE TO PROMOTE WORK.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, November 20.

Reuter is informed that

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, is going to Italy in December as British representative on the Council of the League of Nations. He will thus miss

the opening of Parliament.

Mr. Chamberlain will attend the various meetings of the Council in his official capacity similarly to Lord Parmoor, who is appointed to the position, but it is not impossible that such an appointment will be made.

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CRICKET.

KOWLOON v. MALAYA.

At 10.30 p.m. tomorrow, on the K.C.C. Ground, the following will represent Kowloon—H. Overy (Capt.), Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews, B. D. Evans, A. T. Lay, R. C. Finch, A. B. Wood, P. Goodwin, J. G. Lyle, A. R. F. Raven, L. A. R. Duncan, A. W. Ramsay, Goo Lee, Umpire—J. P. Robinson. Score—E. Housler.

JUNKS WITH ARMS.

WHEN IS A PERSON IN CHARGE?

RISKS WE ALL RUN.

HOW AN HON. MEMBER MIGHT BE TAILED.

"There can be no doubt that this large junk was sailing from Hongkong on October 14 for Sunning in the West River with arms and ammunition aboard considerable in number and importance, and you are in a position to realise even more than myself, as a comparative newcomer, the importance for local and political reasons of strictly enforcing legislation in regard to trading in arms."

This is an extract taken from Sir Henry Cowper Gollan's summing up at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the case in which two Chinese on board the junk were charged with being in unlawful possession of 18 automatic pistols, 1642 rounds of pistol ammunition and 400 rounds of rifle ammunition which found by the police in secreted places while the junk was in Hongkong harbour.

Both defendants gave evidence on oath, the first stating that he was only taking over certain duties of the licensee in the latter's absence and was not absolutely the person in charge. The second said that he was only the steersman and when the boat was at anchor his duties finished. Both denied all knowledge of the smuggled arms.

Cross-examined by Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, the second defendant in the box this morning stated that the bosun, whose duty it was to look after the stowage of cargo, had made good his escape in the confusion which followed the arrival of the police on board.

A tally clerk in the employ of the owners of the junk was also called by Mr. F. C. Jenkins who defended. He said that the bosun and the bosun's assistant had not been heard of since the appearance of the police on board and neither of them had made application for the wages that were due to them.

Mr. Holmes in his final address for the prosecution said that he took up the position that the only absolute liability was on the person in charge of the junk and it was for the jury to decide on the evidence and from the production of the licence by the first prisoner in answer to the request of the police and his other answer whether this defendant was in charge at the time.

Mr. Jenkins caused considerable amusement by his illustrations to the contention that if this argument was carried to its logical conclusion, it would apply to any steam-launch or motor-boat. "If a member of the Legislative Council of this Colony were to proceed on his own steam-launch or upon some launch over which he could be said for the moment to be in charge for the purpose of taking ladies for a bathing picnic or of meeting his wife on an incoming boat or for some other purpose consistent with his status and dignity he could not say a word in his defence according to the Crown."

His Lordship: That is if he were skipping his own launch.

Mr. Jenkins: The word "skipper" is not to be found in the ordinance. I am keeping to the words "person in charge." If it could be proved that he was in charge the hon. member would in common parlance be "in for it."

Amidst laughter His Lordship said that he could deal with him as a first offender.

On point of the absolute liability of the person in charge he would have to find against Mr. Jenkins.

Mr. Jenkins then quoted the ordinance and claimed that men who only gave the appearance of being in charge were specially provided for in the legislature and could not be held to be responsible in the same degree.

The hon. member presented his case and the court adjourned for five minutes.

The hon. member accepted the adjournment and the court adjourned for five minutes.

MACHINE GUN ROBBERY.

SECOND ATTEMPT MADE.

THIEVES FAIL TO SUCCEED.

A further attempt to steal machine guns was made some time between midnight on Wednesday and 10 o'clock yesterday morning, according to a report made to the police by Captain Murphy of the R.G.A.

Two Vickers Machine Guns and equipment were kept in store at the Second H.K.S. Heavy Battery R.A. at Gun Club Hill, and it was found that an attempt had been made by some person unknown to force open the typhoon window shutter in order to gain admittance, which had, however, proved unsuccessful.

No further developments are reported in regard to the incident of last Monday when two Vickers Machine Guns and equipment were stolen from the store at 38 Heavy Battery R.A., Whitfield Barracks.

SIRDAR IS DEAD.

GERMAN GENERAL IS SENTENCED.

ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

CAIRO, November 20.

Major-General Sir Lee Fitzmaurice Stack, G.B.E., C.M.G., Sirdar of Egypt, died at midnight,

as a result of injuries received in

the bomb outrage reported in yes-

terday's cables.

A PEACEFUL END.

LILLE, November 20.

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The ascent to the ball in St. Paul's is the most complicated and exciting thing of this kind London has to offer, and one of the chief games of skill among trippers is to count the steps correctly, the total usually differing according as one counts or not the few stairs that are trodden twice if you see everything.

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Hongkong, 12th November, 1924.

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"SICILIA"	6,613	21st Jan.	Saporo, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	6,118	24th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,911	7th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"SARDINIA"	6,684	16th Feb.	Saporo, Penang, Colbo & B'bay
"KASHMIR"	9,043	1st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,641	7th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"SOUDAN"	6,688	16th Mar.	Saporo, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"KASHGAR"	9,046	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	6,613	21st Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'bay
"MANJUA"	10,672	2nd Apr.	Marseilles and London
"KARMAKA"	8,068	18th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles and London
"SARDINIA"	6,684	17th May	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'bay

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"TAREA"	8,000	8th Dec.	Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"HICELIA"	6,684	27th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"KASHMIR"	8,043	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,684	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	31st Jan.	Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"KASHGAR"	9,045	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,686	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,672	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,613	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMAKA"	8,048	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,684	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MAGNOVA"	6,684	1st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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KOWLOON HOSPITAL DECISION.

Now that the Government has finally decided not to staff the Kowloon Hospital with the sisters of the Maryknoll Mission, the least said about the last five weeks' bitter controversy the better. One further observation is, however, necessary in the interests of community goodwill. Next to crying over spilt milk, there is nothing more futile than beating against the walls of an inflexible fact. The fact in the present instance is of course the Government's decision not to employ the sisters of the Maryknoll Mission. Everything that has taken place hitherto is as irrelevant now as any further disputing must be harmful. Nothing that can be said will alter the Government's new decision. Therefore it is not only wasting time to prolong the discussion; it is also actually, as we say, making needless trouble. Doubtless this view, for all its stark truth, will not appeal to the more bigoted sections in both camps who persist in treating the question, not as one of public expediency, but as a conflict between two religions. That is only to be expected and it is not to these die-hards our words are addressed. We are speaking to those whose common sense and finer feelings will reject the idea of prolonging a painful controversy when it is as clear as daylight that no good purpose can be served thereby. Whatever their own private feelings about the outcome of the dispute, these steeper ones in both camps will

sufficient reason for the Government changing its mind. Only the "die-hards" in either camp will refuse to take this view, and as we say, it is a waste of time arguing with these stubborn spirits. Sensible people will agree with us, we are sure, when we repeat, as our final word upon the subject, that with the lesson kept in mind to prevent another similar dispute, the matter might well be allowed to join many another controversy equally bitter in its day but now completely forgotten.

The Rabies Danger.

The regrettable death of a tram employee from rabies, a few weeks ago, and the consequent curfew order with regard to dogs has aroused a deal of criticism. With regard to the unfortunate victim of rabies, it is asserted with some asperity in certain quarters that the Government as soon as it was aware that the patient was suffering from rabies, should have issued a general muzzling order. The retort of "locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen" suggests itself. The matter of rabies, however, is far too serious for ridicule. Unless the Pasteur treatment is taken in time, we believe the bite of a rabid dog invariably proves fatal. If any of our readers has had the misfortune to witness a patient in the last stages of this terrible disease, he will encourage the authorities in every step they take to prevent an outbreak of rabies. To our mind the authorities have not gone as far as they might have done. An order might well have been given that all dogs found at large without a muzzle or on a "lead" would be impounded and destroyed unless the owner was prepared to pay an exemplary fine to recover his or her canine pet.

We give place to hong in our love for the dog, but we feel that it is the bounden duty of every owner to prevent his animal being either a nuisance or a danger to the rest of the community. In the present instance it cannot be stated with any accuracy that the outbreak of rabies emanated from the thousands of "woks" that roam the island. Nevertheless the possibility exists. Many of these appear to owe allegiance to no one; they should be easy to deal with. Every dog is compelled to have a licence — those without them should be destroyed. At the present, there are probably far more dogs in the Colony and New Territories than are necessary, if we deny the right of any dog to live that has not an owner prepared to pay for his licence and upkeep. This was found to be the case some years ago in Perak, F.M.S., and the authorities soon found a remedy. Licences for male dogs were fixed at one dollar, females at five dollars. The stray dog nuisance soon abated and the incidence of rabies showed a consequent diminution. What proved efficacious in Perak might do so here. We offer the suggestion in the hopes that the responsible authorities will give it due consideration.

Sportmen's Fellow Feelings.

The interport matches afforded striking instance of the fascination that the sight of bejewelled figures and of ball meeting wood may exercise over the minds of people of all ages when there is an issue at stake which concerns the sporting reputation of the Colony. The actual size of the crowds which witnessed the matches cannot, of course, compare with those to be seen daily at the famous grounds in the metropolis; but for the numbers of men, who in the ordinary way would think of time spent away from the office in the afternoon as wasted, they must surely have held a record. And then the juniors — the number who "popped round just for a few minutes" after tiffin and were still to be observed hanging round the pavilion gates long after the time when they should be attending to their books etc must have been doing now — nice but frie that the profe ably speech at night, cricket the dinner the other. Those who elves feel that the amity of which they had no idea, such are the yellow tasse make the whole world his.

RACING NOTES.**PRINCE REGENT SPOILS THE HANDICAP.**

By Argus.

In last evening's "China Mail" appeared the weights allotted by the handicapper for the race-meeting to take place at Happy Valley to-morrow week, under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

There are, as usual, seven events on the card of which three are handicaps. The presence of Prince Regent in the Kilmarnock Plate "A" class has deprived it of all interest as far as the winner is concerned if Dr. Kaw's gelding runs true to past form. The handicapper has put him in at 10lb. over weight for inches which was to be expected, but, as Hartfield, Spotted Sand, Rothsay and Kashmir are only in receipt of 6 lbs., 7 lbs., 9 lbs. and 9 lbs. respectively, on the weights allotted and at weight for inches only actually benefit to the extent of 4 lbs., 2 lbs., 6 lbs. and 3 lbs. respectively, the result should be a foregone conclusion.

The inference should not be drawn that steps should have been taken to weight Prince Regent out of it, but as he has shown himself so vastly superior to any pony here at a mile, the weights now allotted are not likely to bring them together over six furlongs. As indicated below, excepting Prince Regent, would have been well within reason.

How will be found a comparison of the weights over 6 furlongs in the Stanley Plate, run at last meeting, and those allotted for next meeting in the Kilmarnock Plate.

Stanley Plate 6 F. Kilmarnock Plate 6 F.
106 lbs. 105 lbs. Crid.
Silver Spear 165 (3) 165 166
Magnificent D. 165 (2) 165 166
Loch Rannoch 157 148
Fatu 162 (1) 160 163
Fatu 154 (4) 145 144
Irrepressible 155 144
1 length; short head; 2 lengths

Prince Regent 168 168
Spotted Sand 161 161
Rothsay 169 169
Kashmir 169 169
Fernleaf 157 157
Gold Leaf 155 155
Clover Club 155 155
Roman Parrot 154 154
Valliant Dahlia 152 152
Rivergrass 151 151
Rialto Star 150 150
Pencastle 150 150
Koh-I-Noor 148 148
Strathfarar 148 148
Zenda 146 146

The weights under "corrected" signify what each pony that started in the Stanley Plate last meeting should carry when all weights are reduced 9 lbs. (i.e. from 165—166 et seq.) It will thus be seen that Hartfield is penalised 7 lbs. for his one length victory which will probably work out correctly as regards Silver Spear and Magnificent Dahlia, which are the only two to give in a direct line for argument.

The presence of Prince Regent, however, considerably complicates matters.

We have seen him carry 151 lbs. in the last Aggravate Stakes, cover 6 furlongs in 1:22.3/5 and finish the mile in 2:06.1/5 five lengths ahead of Spotted Sand (154 lbs.), seven lengths ahead of Rothsay (164 lbs.) and eight lengths in front of Fernleaf (154 lbs.). Prince Regent (163 lbs.) is given 10 lbs. over weight for inches, Spotted Sand 6 lbs., Hartfield 8 lbs., Rothsay 4 lbs., Kashmir 7 lbs.

Thus Prince Regent on the basis of W.I. is only conceding 4 lbs., 2 lbs., 6 lbs. and 3 lbs. respectively, to Spotted Sand, Hartfield, Rothsay and Kashmir. I am doubtful whether it would have been possible to bring them together with top-weight only 10 lbs. over weight for inches. The point is that Prince Regent, when weights are analysed on the W.I. basis is chucked into the handicap. If he can reproduce his past time — he must win as none of his opponents are likely to approach it with more than W.I. in the saddle, while the other competitors do not call for consideration. Mr. Dowbiggin would have been fully justified in keeping Prince Regent at 168 lbs. and dropping all the others to 160 lbs. He could not then have been accused of having weighted Prince Regent out of it — which raising his impost might have entailed — but he would have demonstrated that he was going as far as possible to give something a chance of making the Prince extend himself. If the Prince is started I call for another procession, just as soon as Mr. Gibson calls on his mount to extend himself. It is to be hoped that some of the crack China ponies will be sent for this race, but I consider it very doubtful if in view of the Troon Handicap, which follows and in which the name of Prince Regent does not appear.

MOQUITO ARMADA.**YUNNANESE FLOTILLA AT WHAMPOA.****UNREST IN CANTON.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, November 20. Dubbed the "Yunnanese Mosquito Armada," a fleet of almost 200 small native craft has, it is reported, been assembled at Whampoa.

Current rumours point to General Fan Shek-sang, commanding the 2nd Yunnanese Army in Kwangtung, as having ordered the boats to be "assembled" for urgent military transport. Accordingly, it was inferred that he was going to move his troops away from Canton and its environs, but as the lighters and junks have now been idle for days and are each in charge of three or four guards, conjecture has proved to be premature.

Living on rumours, people in Canton have heard that General Li Fook-lam, commanding the Cantonese garrison, on Honan island (which faces Canton city from across the river), has had a scrap with the Merchants' Volunteers and Village Guards in the vicinity of Shuntak.

Li Men Defeated.

Marching under strict orders to disarm the volunteers in that district, about 500 of Li's men are said to have been worsted and instead of returning with the booty, had to leave their arms and ammunition behind.

After dark every night, the Bund is comparatively quiet. The Yunnanese have special patrols out and there is no telling what may happen. That people are not going about is evident from the plight of the Funtan Monopolist, a patron of General Fan, who is faced with the necessity of ceasing to contribute to the Yunnanese war chest as his patrons, in turn, — although the Chinese are reputed to be born gamblers — are few and by no means wealthy.

In the Troon Handicap (one mile) the handicapper has not had any Prince Regent problem to deal with and the following comparison is of interest:

Troon Handicap	Shek-O Handicap 1 Mile.
106 lbs.	165 lbs.
Spotted Sand	163 lbs.
Rothsay	163 lbs.
Hartfield	165 lbs.
Kashmir	164 lbs.
Fernleaf	159 lbs.
Gold Leaf	157 lbs.
Clover Club	156 lbs.
Roman Parrot	156 lbs.
Valliant Dahlia	155 lbs.
Magnificent D.	154 lbs.
Pencastle	152 lbs.
Koh-I-Noor	152 lbs.
Zenda	152 lbs.
Rialto Star	151 lbs.
Gandie	149 lbs.
Longsat	149 lbs.
Huihsien	148 lbs.
Loch Rannoch	148 lbs.
Duke of Fife	148 lbs.
Starland	147 lbs.
King Johnnie	146 lbs.
Day of Surprise	145 lbs.
Futsal	142 lbs.
Manchurian Prince	140 lbs.

The result of the Shek-O Handicap was a dead-heat between Hartfield and Kashmir, with Rivergrass in neck behind and Roman Parrot fourth 2 lengths away. The other runners were Nasturtium (dead), Pencastle and Strathfarar.

It is difficult to see why the dead-heaters of the Shek-O Handicap are now considered 7 lbs. better as compared with Spotted Sand, Rothsay and Goldleaf. Presumably the handicapper considered he let both Kashmir and Hartfield in too lightly last meeting. Pencastle meets Roman Parrot on 1lb. worse terms. This, however, is a small matter and I fancy the handicapper's revised estimate of the merits of Hartfield and Kashmir is a bit off. Spotted Sand and Rothsay is very near the mark. At the distance and with the going hard I shall expect Kashmir to go very close to winning.

The weights in the Kilmarnock Handicap "B" class call for little comment at the moment.

Owners are reminded that conditions for the seventh event on Saturday week, the Autumn Champions, have been altered. Post entries will now be accepted.

During the course of next week I hope to find time to go more thoroughly into the prospects for Saturday week. At the moment the plans of owners and trainers are unsettled.

CORRESPONDENCE.
KOWLOON HOSPITAL
DECISION.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir.—I would like to inquire through the columns of your paper whether there is any truth in the report that it is proposed to draw up a petition for submission to the Government, urging that it is contrary to the public interest that a foreign (so as to avoid equivocation, "Rockefeller") donation (of Gold \$500,000) should be accepted for the Medical School of the University of Hongkong, an institution which is under the financial control of the Government of this British Colony; that the petitioners pray that steps may be taken to fore-stall the possibility of this British Colony of Hongkong being at any time placed (as is the Colony of Ceylon, at present) under the administration of an official connected with a "sectional religious organization" other than that "by law established," as the administration of such an official must prejudice this British Colony in the eyes of many of the subjects of His Majesty; and that the Tsim-sha-tsui House-to-House Hawking Society, who are responsible for the petition, desire to prevail upon the Government to use its influence towards the refusal of the donation and the preservation of this British Colony from the dire consequences of such an appointment.

Yours etc.,
J. P. BRAGA,
Hongkong, November 20.

HONGKONG'S UNIVERSITY.

WHY THE STRIKE WAS DROPPED.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir.—I have read with great interest the news that appeared in your columns under the heading "University Trouble," "Truth," "S.M.T." and others in their enthusiasm to run down the cause of the students, have overlooked the real point at issue. The enforcement of discipline, Sir, has little or nothing to do with the present trouble; and for this reason "Truth" in trying to condemn certain of his fellow-students, is not only giving a misrepresentation of facts but also washing dirty linen in public. As an impartial observer I voice the opinions of neither party. But I do greatly admire the spirit of self-sacrifice and courage of those leaders who fight for the righteous cause with everything to lose and nothing to gain. These are the persons who are worthy of the offices they hold and the trust placed upon them by the students.

The strike was called off, not because of those few students who, after giving their word of honour, had refused to face the music. It was due to the intercession of a prominent Chinese gentleman who is a member of one of the highest Councils in this Colony. It was he who appealed to the students not to act rashly but to take the right course in appealing to the Council and waiting for its decision. It is true the strike is definitely quenched; but the honour of having done so belongs to one single person.

We do not wish to win public sympathy in giving out the full facts of the case. But what is at the root of all these troubles? So far back as September 17, 1924, the residents of a particular hostel have been making complaints to the Authorities about what they claim to be the unfair punishments imposed by their Warden. The students have had their complaints before the Authorities and yet no step has been taken to remedy matters.

The above facts serve but as an introduction to the true cause of the trouble which is gaining the attention of the Council. It is not for me to lay out the case; let some one who is more concerned do that. I can only say that to us, sitting in our rooms and with anxious hearts awaiting the decision of the Council, the newspaper accounts of the recent trouble were so amazingly misrepresented and exaggerated, that they entirely make us forget our impartiality and our indifference. Not content with their bitter and yet unnecessary criticisms, certain correspondents have gone so far as to indulge in personal abuse. They claim themselves no gentlemen and we are glad that there are so very few of them in this sort of learning.

Yours etc.,
M. T. T. T.
Hongkong, November 21.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.
AUDIENCE ENJOYS TALE OF MUTINY.

Thrills of the most intense description were the order of the day yesterday when the new Metro special production, "The Mutiny of the Elsinore," with an all-star cast, was the feature attraction at the Queen's Theatre. The picture is scheduled to remain at the Queen's for five days and during this time opportunity will be open for all, who care to be thrilled, to take in the production, and test its quality for making the chills creep up and down the spinal column.

"The Mutiny of the Elsinore" enjoys the distinction of being one of the most intense and gripping photodramas of the season. It is the picturization of the late Jack London's novel of the same name, and it possesses all of that master writer's genius for portraying the conflict of strong men in the far, rough places of the earth, where the only law in existence is the law of the fist and gun.

The story concerns John Pike, the first mate of the sailing ship "Elsinore," who has signed up a motley crew of thugs and gamblers from the water front dives of Frisco, and who once again finds himself pitted against these hostile forces for the mastery of the vessel.

CHARLIE'S RETURN.

CORONET THEATRE
ATTRACTION.

The next change at the little House which shows the big pictures, is a trio of films in which the great little man figures. These are "Easy Street"; "The Count"; and "The Immigrant"; enough in all conscience to show Chaplin in all the diversity of his great art.

Age does not wither; nor custom stale it; of that there is no shadow of doubt, no possible, probable, shadow of doubt; and the crowds that will throng the Coronet on Saturday, and do so until the short season ends, will prove this reasonable contention.

It would be impossible to describe the "stories" wrapped up in the titles mentioned. Chaplin demonstrates in his own way the easiness of "Easy Street"; the possibilities in becoming a Count—of no account, or of account rendered; and the pathos of the life of an immigrant, to say nothing of a migrant who gets into all sorts of possible and impossible escapades. The Coronet has a happy knack of mixing up its programmes; we have had thrilling drama; historical pageantry; now we come down to rock bottom comedy of the highest possible order. The brief season of Chaplin commences on Saturday.

STAR'S BIG FILM.

BETTER THAN "ENEMIES OF WOMEN."

Such is the claim made in respect of the picture now being shown at the Star Theatre. "Enemies of Women" attracted its thousands; "Little Old New York" should be equally persuasive in its appeal to those who are moved by gorgeous settings and thrills of a distinctly high order.

The claim is often made with regard to other pictures—and more often than not substantiated. The claim will be proved to the hit in this story of the great continent when it was young—bursting into the beginning of its since glorious life which has meant so much to the world at large. Marlon Davies is the bright particular star, acting with a grace and aplomb that is irresistible and being supported by a cast that has not a weak member in it. If "Enemies" entertained you, "Little Old New York" will do the same. If you discussed "Enemies" you will do the same with "L.O.N.Y." Test it.

CORRECTION.

In the report in the "China Mail," last night, in which under the caption "Social Amenities," it was made to appear that Mrs. Grimmett took out the original summons; the details were incorrect. The actual facts are:—Mrs. R. Stanton, living at No. 157 Wan Chai Road, summoned her next-door neighbour, Mrs. Grimmett, for assault and uttering abusive language at 7 p.m. on the 7th instant.

A cross summons was taken out by Mrs. Grimmett, who also summoned another neighbour, Mrs. Fowler, on the same counts.

FOOTBALL.
NOTES AND COMMENTS.
TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

[By Dutchie]
The following is the programme for to-morrow:

SECOND DIVISION.
Drums v. China "B" Sookimpoos ground
University v. China "A" Chinese ground
Kowloon v. Club de Recreio "B" Kowloon ground
St. Joseph's "A" v. St. Joseph's "B" St. Joseph's ground
Kick off at 2.45 p.m. sharp
Sacred Heart v. Surrey Club Ground
Kick off at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

SENIOR GAME.
Lai Wah Cup Semi-Final.

Civilians v. Chinese Club ground. Kick off at 4 p.m., sharp.

In the Second Division games it will be noted that the Club v. Club de Recreio "A" game has been postponed, as the latter team have players engaged in the Cup semi-final.

The Drums should secure a win against the China "B" team and their opposite number, the Regimental Reserves should maintain their unbeaten record. It will be noticed that the latter game starts fifteen minutes earlier than the other, to enable the senior game to start punctually at 4 p.m.

The University—China "A" game will be a close affair and the finish will probably see a division of points. The Recreio "B" team meet the Kowloon Reserves and the latter are expected to win, whilst the College "A" team will no doubt take things easy against their weaker brethren.

When the Second Division games are finished or probably long before, the crowd will be wending their way towards the Club ground to see teams representing the Civilians meet the Chinese in the first semi-final of the "Lai Wah" Cup.

This Cup was generously given by the Chinese Company of that name for competition amongst representative teams of the Colony. The Chinese will start very hot favourites, but I do not think they will have matters all their own way, for the Civilian team will turn out stronger than its appearance on paper suggests.

The game will start at 4 p.m. sharp and should the scores be equal at the call of time, an extra ten minutes each way will be played.

The following will represent the Civilians' team:—Clarke (Police) Wheeler (Kowloon) Bishop (Club) McElvain (Kowloon) Stewart (Club) Captain and Duncan (Kowloon): Britton (Police) Howard, Jones (Club) and Rocha and Brown (Club de Recreio) Reserves:—Wynn, Gosano, Forsyth, Johnson and Simpson.

The Chinese will play the following:—Liu Hing-cheung, Lee Yuk-tat, and Chan So, Leung Yuk-tung, Wong Shui-wa and Lam Yuk-tung; Pang Kam-wing, Suen Kam-shun, Wong Pak-cheong, Li Wal-tong and Chan Kwong-lu. Reserve:—Ng Kam-chuen.

It will be seen that the Chinese will depend on the team that is doing so well in the Senior Division, although after his accident of Wednesday against the "B" team it is doubtful if Chan So will be fit to play.

Playing on Wednesday evening on the Valley ground in their First Division game of October 4, which could not be then played owing to the weather, China "A" defeated China "B" by six goals to one. Neither were at full strength, the "A" only playing 9 men some of whom did not belong to the Senior Division, whilst the "B" managed to field ten men after the interval. The game was not taken seriously, in fact it had the appearance of a practice team out, certainly not a credit to League Football.

I am informed that as a result of the Charity match played on Armistice Day, the sum of £573.10 has been handed over to the "Poppy Day Fund."

Following are the League tables to date:—

FIRST DIVISION.

Goals.

Team.	P. W. D. F. A. P. S.
Surrey	6 6 0 0 16 3 12
Recreio "A"	6 5 0 1 31 2 10
St. Joseph's "A"	7 4 0 3 11 9 8
China "A"	6 3 1 2 13 9 7
Kowloon	6 3 0 5 10 13 6
Surrey	5 4 0 1 13 3 8
R. A.	4 0 3 12 16 8
Kowloon	5 0 2 16 5 6
Club	5 0 3 13 8 6
Police	2 2 4 7 13 6
Tamar	6 2 1 3 6 5
China "B"	6 0 0 6 3 34 0

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BOXING.
LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PLANS FOR DECEMBER.

CHRISTMAS EVE SHOW.

Mr. J. Brook, manager of the Hongkong Boxing Association, had some interesting information to impart this morning with regard to the Association's plans.

He stated that it had been definitely decided to hold the next tournament on Christmas Eve, December 24, at the Theatre Royal. Carlidge and Smith are to meet again under similar conditions, the purse being \$1,000 (split 700 and 300), the Light-Weight Championship of the Colony and the Association's Belt being additional incentives.

Smith has again placed himself in the hands of Staff-Sergeant Hunt, at the military detention barracks, while Carlidge will do his work at the Kowloon British School under his former mentor, with P. O. Young presumably as sparing partner.

With regard to the minor bouts, nothing has yet been arranged. Mr. Brook, however, would be glad if those keen to appear in the ring would communicate with him, c/o Vacuum Oil Co., giving particulars of weight and record.

KNUDE HANSEN LEAVES.

Asked as to the plans of Knute Hansen, the heavy-weight, Mr. Brook said that he had sailed for Europe, where he hopes to obtain a fight with Carpenter and Bloomfield. Asked how it was such a top-notch was out here, Mr. Brook replied that there was no doubt Knute Hansen was in the first flight. The reason he had left the United States was that he was only 20 years old, which barred him from engaging in a contest for more than 6 rounds. En route, Knute Hansen hopes to stop over at Colombo, where he will seek a match with P. O. Spiller, the heavy-weight champion of the British Army and Navy.

CHINESE KILLED.

MOTOR TRUCK ALLEGED CAUSE OF DEATH.

A Chinese, named Tung Kee, was knocked over by motor truck No. 577 at Des Vaux Road yesterday, and removed to the Tung Wah Hospital. The injuries being of a serious nature, the man was later transferred to the Government Civil Hospital, where he died at 5.30 p.m.

CHINA.

POWERS TO DEMAND GUARANTEES?

(Reuter's Service.)

INTIMIDATION.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT AT BLACKMAIL.

BUS DRIVER MENACED.

Two Sanitary Board coolies were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with intimidating Li Tin-wo, a licensed bus driver, with intent to do an act which he was not legally bound to do.

Mr. R. E. A. Webster, prosecuting, said that an old man slightly injured himself in alighting from complainant's bus while it was in motion in Nathan Road on November 4. The bus servants had the injuries attended to, and nothing more was heard of the man. On November 12, said Mr. Webster, the two defendants met the complainant and told him that the old man was dangerously ill in hospital as a result of the injuries and that some compensation should be paid him. A threat was made that if the complainant failed to meet the defendants at a tea-house that evening and arrange the matter, he would not be in a position to drive the bus the next day. The complainant reported the matter to the police, and the defendants were arrested at the appointed place.

Complainant corroborated Mr. Webster's opening statement, and said that the first defendant stated at the tea-house that he was not related to the old man, but was acting on behalf of a club of which he was a member.

Mr. N. I. Brewer, defending, submitted that the defendants acted in good faith on behalf of the old man.

The case was adjourned. His Worship, remarking that Mr. Brewer would have to prove his statement that the defendants had authority from the old man to act for him.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Tls.

Langkawi	18	Buyers.
Ewos	11.40	Buyers.
Shanghai Docks	98	Buyers.
New Engineering	6.75	Buyers.
Oriental	3.75	Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons	55	Buyers.

The above, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai Market this morning.

SECOND DIVISION.

Goals.

Team.	P. W. D. F. A. P. S.
Surrey	6 6 0 0 16 3 12
Recreio "A"	6 5 0 1 31 2 10
St. Joseph's "A"	7 4 0 3 11 9 8
China "A"	6 3 1 2 13 9 7
Kowloon	6 3 0 5 10 13 6
Surrey	5 4 0 1 13 3 8
R. A.	4 0 3 12 16 8
Kowloon	5 0 2 16 5 6
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GUNNERS IN TROUBLE!
FOUR MEN CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Gunners H. Leeman, G. Lockwood, W. Caton and J. Kenting, of the R.G.A., Lyman, Barracks, were charged at the Central Magistracy, this morning, before Mr. N. L. Smith, with assaulting Li Kwan, an amchi, and Cheung Yee, mistresses of a brothel in Shaukiwan East, at the Hop Sing Tong brothel house. The complainants are alleged to have been struck with a cane. All four defendants are also charged with maliciously damaging a porcelain basin, five earthenware bowls and a kerosene lamp, valued at a total sum of \$3.40.

CASE ADJOURNED.

The defendants pleaded not guilty to both charges, and the case was adjourned until next Monday for the appearance of the complainants, who are said to be still suffering from the effects of the assault.

PARIS, November 20.

Referring to possible discussions in Peking in which the Powers are agreed regarding the guarantees to be demanded from the new Chinese Cabinet, "Le Journal" maintains that France requires that French rights in the Chinese Eastern Railways shall be respected, also an undertaking that the Boxer Indemnity shall be payable in gold francs. It asserts that Britain and the United States consider it of first importance to obtain Japan's agreement to liberty of action in any eventual negotiations between the Powers and China.

PARIS, November 20.

Reuter understands that hitherto the projected concerted action by the Powers in connection with conditions in China has been found inopportune. Nothing is known in London of any fresh proposals or joint negotiations.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE MAIL.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

JOURNALIST'S MEMOIRS.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD AS LEADER WRITER.

A STOLEN TELEGRAM.

I rather think, writes a reviewer in the "Daily Graphic," that the main effect of Mr. Lincoln Springfield's brilliant memoirs, "Some Piquant Tales" (Fisher Unwin, 15s.), will be to induce young men in their thousands to become journalists.

Lady Tree, as he tells us, once described the press as a fantastic monster, half-octopus, with a consummate brain, an uncertain temper, and a magnificent heart, living principally in Fleet-street, and never going to bed.

It is the angelic, magnanimous side that shines out in these reminiscences.

Mr. Springfield began early. At fifteen on a salary of twelve shillings a week, together with E. V. Lucas, he was doing two or three columns a day on the reporting staff of the "Sussex Daily News," living with his grandfather, who kept a millinery shop in which Margaret Bondfield, the first woman Front Bencher, was a pretty fifteen-year-old assistant.

At the age of twenty he was promoted to the staff of the "Echo" at three guineas a week, and lived in Love's Hotel, where the daughter of the house was Mabel Love, then aged twelve. On this salary he not only married but kept his elder brother.

Within a year he was earning four guineas on the "Star" and giving young Mr. Asquith, the barrister, useful tips about investments.

THE BACCARAT SCANDAL.

When the "Daily Mail" was founded he became its first news editor for four years at a salary of ten guineas a week, and was afterwards Press agent to the Imperial Tobacco Company at £1,000 a year.

When he took over the editorship of "London Opinion" the circulation was 30,000 and it was losing £300 a week. He raised it by introducing the Limerick competition, to a circulation of 160,000, and by 1913 its profits were £10,000 a year.

But interesting and meteoric as his own career has been, the interest of it lies mainly in the number of extraordinarily interesting people whom he has met and the curious cases which he was called upon to report.

From the start he appears to have had a penchant for crime stories. He was the first to get the news of the murder of Mr. Gold in the Clayton Tunnel, near Brighton. This occurred when he was only seventeen. When he was on the "Star" he had to report the famous Tranby Croft baccarat scandal, in which the then Prince of Wales had to give evidence.

Sir William Gordon-Cumming had been accused of cheating at cards and had signed an undertaking not to play cards again if the world were kept ignorant of the accusation. The affair somehow leaked out, and he had to sue Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, for slander. In spite of the fact that the defendants won their case, Sir William's fiancée married him on the day following the verdict.

FAMOUS JOURNALISTS.

Mr. Springfield was also present at the Great Spink Pearl case which is supposed to have been the inspiration for "Mrs. Dan's Defence" and "Loyalties." In this trial things were looking very black for Major Hargrave, the husband of the owner of the pearl necklace, when "Owen Hall," the uncle of Mr. Gilbert Frankau, brought a letter to the "Star" which made certain the fact that the thief was a cousin of Mrs. Hargrave.

The most fascinating murder case in which Mr. Springfield was concerned was the Ardiamont case, in which the tutor, Monsion, was charged with murdering his pupil, Cecil Hambrough. He escaped on this occasion on a verdict of "Not Proven," but got five years' penal servitude later for blackmail.

Mr. Springfield seems to have had among his colleagues nearly all the famous men of the day.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was a leader-writer on the "Star" in his time, and Mr. Gordon Hewitt, now Lord Chief Justice, is described as "the youngest man on the editorial staff, by years, and very cherubic in appearance." He "terribly learned, with Oxford honours thick upon him . . . a youth of great character. Our haunts did not appeal to him, our more careless talk, and our Bohemian outlook on life, rather swed him."

Bernard Shaw was writing musical notices over the signature "Corvo di Bassetto." One night he was so pleased with the wonderful prouetting of Vincenti at the Alhambra that on his arrival in Fitzroy-sq., he tried to go round the circular railings after the manner of Vincenti.

SURPRISE CEREMONY.

PRINCESS MARY'S BABY CHRISTENED.

London, October 11.—The christening of the second son of Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, which took place behind locked doors on Saturday, October 4, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, in the Little Yorkshire village of Goldsborough, came as a great surprise even to the villagers.

It had been generally understood that the ceremony would be performed on Sunday, October 5. On Saturday afternoon the village was almost deserted.

Just before half-past two the rector, the Rev. A. Hastings Kelk, walked across to the church from the vicarage, and a moment afterwards he was followed by his wife, his sister, and his son.

Immediately they had entered the church the doors were locked from within, and the police constable in charge of the village cleared everyone out of the churchyard, saying that the gates would be locked.

A few minutes later the private entrance to the churchyard from the Hall was opened by a manservant, and Lord Lascelles, accompanied by his mother, the Countess of Harewood, and followed by a nurse with Hubert Lascelles, walked into the church.

They were followed by the Princess, with whom was the Hon. Mrs. Edward Lascelles, the Earl of Harewood, and the Hon. Edward Lascelles, brother of Lord Lascelles, and a nurse carrying the baby, who was wearing a long, flowing christening robe of white lace.

When they had entered the church the door was locked.

The baby was named Gerald David. Gerald is one of the family names of the Earl of Harewood, and David is the name of the Prince of Wales, who stood sponsor by proxy. The Hon. Edward Lascelles was the only sponsor present. The Earl of Harewood represented the Prince, and the godmothers were the Duchess of York, who was represented by the Countess of Harewood, and the Duchess of Northumberland, for whom the Hon. Mrs. Edward Lascelles stood proxy.

THE BABY'S CRIES.

The rector subsequently told a "Daily Mail" representative that the simplest form of christening service was used. There was no music, and throughout the ceremony the baby was perfectly good.

"He cried only after it was all over," added Mr. Kelk, "for the baby's cries were traditionally supposed to signify that the evil spirit had departed."

Questioned as to the closing of the church, Mr. Kelk said that this was done by his orders and he would accept full responsibility for his action.

At his fourteenth fall he was picked up by a policeman, upon whom he prevailed to imitate him. A passing inspector was also induced to try, and they went on trying until they were joined by an early postman, and the milkman, who broke his leg, and had to be carried to the hospital by the others—"according to Shaw."

In those days, apparently, reporters all wore top-hats, and spent their spare time in throwing cards into them from a distance of fifteen yards. The top-hat, says Mr. Springfield tells us, was killed by Lord Ronald Gower.

Mr. Springfield has praise for a good many of his colleagues, but he reserves his highest encomiums for G. W. Stevens, the shy young Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford, whose death at the age of thirty-one at Ladysmith was a tremendous loss to the world of letters, "like a beautiful cigar smoked in a high wind." Stevens was hailed by Kitchener as the finest "correspondent he had ever met, and by W. E. Henley as one of the finest descriptive writers in the language."

A KAISER TELEGRAM.

Colonel Arthur Lynch was the star reporter of the "Daily Mail" at that period, and is described by Mr. Springfield as "talking six languages, possessing seven University degrees, following eight occupations, and on the occasion when he lay under sentence, being entertained by his warden with nine stories of bungled executions."

One of the most extraordinary stories in this entertaining book concerns the sending of a telegram by the Kaiser to Lord Lonsdale, complaining that the Prince of Wales had swindled him out of a yacht race.

A telegraphist from the G. P. O. brought a duplicate of the telegram to Mr. Springfield, when he was news editor of the "Daily Mail," and he was sorely tempted to use it, but "one couldn't accept stolen goods—the purloining of a telegram was in a category no different from the theft of a bank-note."

He sent the telegraphist about his business, and there wasn't a line about the incident in any paper.

But this is the kind of book from which it is easy to quote and difficult to resist quoting. It is not only about piquant people, but it is itself an pleasant volume of reminiscences as I can remember.

LUGGAGE THIEVES.

SOME AMAZING HAULS MADE.

London, October 5.—Huge stores of luggage stolen from railway stations in London and all over the country have been discovered by the police during the past few days.

Detectives had obtained possession of a huge number of cloak-room tickets. They hope to recover still more goods belonging to robbing travellers.

The discoveries have been made as far north as Newcastle, and at many Midland towns, as well as in London, all in railway and hotel luggage depots.

For over a year the railway police on all the main lines have been mystified by frequent thefts of valuable luggage. Bugs and cases disappeared so quickly after being placed on the platform that they seemed to have vanished into air.

When, recently, a train arrived at Manchester, a porter, who had removed a large and heavy trunk from the van, left it on the platform while he hauled a taxicab. On his return, less than a minute later, the trunk had disappeared, and although the owner and the police searched the station and all the departing cars and motor-cabs it was not found.

The police now know how the disappearing trick was done.

The trunk had been placed on a train just about to depart from the opposite platform by baggage thieves who watched the owner and the porter out of sight.

By the time the loss was discovered the trunk was on its way to Sheffield.

Once on board a train, the thieves would decide where to alight, and would pay their fares to an inspector on the train, or at their destination. The stolen luggage they would rifle on their way, leaving the trunk or case at the platform of the station at which they left the train.

So busy and successful were the thieves that very often they had no time to go through the stolen luggage, but would merely leave it at an hotel or station.

Much of the luggage now recovered by the police was, therefore, found untouched.

In connection with a suspected luggage theft, a man was arrested yesterday at Yarmouth. He declared he was a knight, and warmly resented being questioned and detained.

WINTER FURS.

WILL THE MUFF RETURN?

One of the questions which are just now agitating the world of fashion is whether the winter fur outfit should include a muff. It is many seasons since muffs were seen, and although there have been several attempts to revive its one-time popularity, it has entirely disappeared from the fashionable woman's wardrobe. Discussion of the question of a revival has ensued recently following the showing of one or two samples muffs at the London Fashions Exhibition. But it must be admitted that these new muffs were received very frigidly—in fact, no one seemed to want to give them the glad hand.

However, the reappearance of the muff is being discussed, and some authorities profess themselves satisfied that the fashion will return.

One is not inclined to treat these propheta seriously for the reason that modern woman insists, on simplification, and how can one get simplification by carrying a muff?

On the contrary, a muff distinctly complicates matters, even when a muff chain or cord holds the muff when the hands are otherwise engaged than in fondling its lining. So long as coats with fur collars and cuffs remain popular it is unlikely that muffs will be wanted, and there is no sign of change at present.

OPEN-AIR GIRL.

It is so much simpler to have one garment which combines the virtues of protection for most parts of the body, and this the fashion-able coats do. Then, of course, the virtue of the fur coat is partly responsible for the muff being in disuse, while fur gloves and fur-trimmed gloves are now so generally worn that further protection is unnecessary.

Add to this the fact that the modern girl is an open-air and sports-loving girl who does not feel cold as did her grandmother, and one sees at once that the muff has small chance of again becoming popular, at this generation at least.

In regard to fur coats, there is a strong tendency towards browns in various shades, and in this connection one notes that there are several new kinds of fur.

Combinations of two or more furs are also favoured. A feature of the new season's models is the number of coats that are fur-lined. In fact, more attention is often paid nowadays to the inside of the coat than to the outside.

SMOKING PRINCESS.

INCIDENT AT EMBASSY DINNER.

AWE OF KITCHENER

London, September 24.—Glimpses of the lighter sides of our diplomacy abroad are reflected very entertainingly in "Diversions of a Diplomat," by Mr. Frank Rattigan, just published (Chapman and Hall, 16s.)

On August 4, 1914, Mr. Rattigan, with the rest of the staff, was at dinner with our Ambassador in Berlin when the German mob smashed the Embassy windows.

I picked up the first stone—or rather rock—thrown, and have kept it as a paper-weight. It was the first German missile against England in the war!

On the way home across the North Sea, Sir Edward Goschen told us how his German servants had behaved. As soon as they were paid off they threw their English liveries on the floor, stamped on them, and spat on them, and refused to do another stroke of work.

Earlier in 1914, when the Crown Prince had returned from a tour of inspection of the fortresses near the French frontier, I asked him if he was satisfied with what he had seen, and he replied, "Perfectly, but that is not the region where the real fight will begin."

He recalls that at the time of his earlier service in Austria, "most of the Viennese great ladies of the older generation—for example, Princess Pauline Metternich, Princess Croy, and others—smoked large Havana cigars."

I remember at a dinner at the American Embassy hearing Princess Croy decline a large cigar presented to her by the Ambassador, on the ground that it was not strong enough for her taste.

She preferred her own, which were huge and very dark in colour.

MEAL OF A REPTILE.

From the Legation garden at Tangier Mr. Rattigan witnessed the frenzied castanets of the Assauwa, a fanatical Muhammadan sect, on the occasion of their festival.

I saw a particularly important member of the sect seize a puff adder, a horrible yellow and black snake about three feet long, and as thick as a man's wrist, which is, I believe, one of the most poisonous snakes known to Science.

He stuck out his tongue, and, holding it behind the head, he stuck out his tongue and allowed the snake to fix its fangs in it.

He then drew the snake's head into his mouth, bit it off and swallowed it, and then slowly devoured the still writhing body of the reptile.

To my surprise, having completed his horrible meal, the man continued his wild antics without any apparent ill effects.

On his transfer to Cairo Mr. Rattigan found that Lord Kitchener was perhaps the hardest worker under whom I have served."

Whenever he had a moment to spare Kitchener would dash off in his car to the bazaars in search of antiquities.

The appearance of Lord Kitchener would, however, create consternation amongst the native antique dealers. They were filled with such awe of "El Lord," as he was called, that when he asked the price of an object, accompanying the query with a flash of his deep-set eyes, they would forthwith offer to about one-fourth of what they would obtain from the average tourist.

In this way he succeeded in amassing an important and beautiful collection of porcelains, rugs, pictures, and other antiquities.

Lyme Regis Treasure.

Whether or not, as is being contemplated, Lyme Regis parts with the fifteenth century tapestry in its church, there is one work of art with which it can never be dissociated. "Persuasion" is its chief monument (points out the "Morning Post"). Miss Austen, with her family, spent some weeks of autumn in the town. In a house still standing near the Cobb, when she was 28, and twelve years later she settled the Harville there, and so immortalised it. "Take me to the Cobb" and show me the steps from which Louis Musgrave fell," was Tennyson's demand of Francis Palgrave when he visited him in Lyme Regis.

SIR LANDON RONALD.

Sir Landon Ronald is one of our most brilliant chief d'orchestrists. But he is probably at his greatest as an accompanist, and no one can really know what accompanying means till they have heard Sir Landon at the piano (remarks the "Morning Post"). The chances of this "nowadays" are few. Once or twice last year at his Albert Hall Promenade he played the accompaniments to his own songs.

He is a perfect musical world. Sir Landon Ronald would be provided with a grand piano and a battery of singers.

POISON OF DOLE.

SIR IAN HAMILTON'S STORY.

Glasgow, October 5.—Speaking at Ulverston yesterday evening, General Sir Ian Hamilton said that in Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, and Poland there was not

one single disabled soldier fit for any sort of work who was unemployed. Here in England we had 60,000 disabled men unemployed, in addition to the 800,000 able-bodied ex-Service men still in the prime of life.

The English workman who was fit for any sort of work at all did not enjoy his pension or his dole. He was miserable. They of the Legion who watched him, saw the change for the worse creep over him every day as he stood waiting to draw money for doing nothing.

Don't let them try and persuade

themselves that he did not know the change with himself. The spirit of old England was being poisoned by her dole, not slowly but very quickly.

Sir Ian Hamilton ended his speech with a little story. "Just

to let you see and understand," he said, "what jolly good fellows our ex-Service men are, how happy they'd be if only they had work to do, and what a shame it is that so many of them should be down and out."

Walking back to my boat after an inspection at Gallipoli my eye was caught by a very queer figure.

Standing strictly at attention was a young man, stark naked bar the shortest pair of shorts I ever did see. He was burnt black with the sun, and somehow it was comic to see him as correct and rigid as if he was on a general's



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About To Remarry?



PAULINE FREDERICK

According to Broadway gossip, the beautiful Pauline Frederick film star, is to secure a divorce from Dr. Charles Alton Hatherford in order that she may marry again.

PRINCESS MARY'S TWO SONS.



PRINCESS MARY & HER TWO SONS

This exclusive picture of Princess Mary (Viscountess Lascelles), only daughter of King George and Queen Mary, is the first for which she has posed with her two sons, George Hubert Lascelles and Gerald David Lascelles.

GREAT SARAZEN DEFEATS FRENCH WONDER HORSE.



SARAZEN DEFEATS EPINARD

Above is shown the finish of the third international race, in which Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt's marvellous gelding, Sarazen, defeated Epinard, the French wonder horse, at a mile and a quarter. Mad Play was third. The race was worth £15,000 to the winner.



Thomas W. Lamont, one of the senior partners of J. P. Morgan & Co., has returned to New York after directing the flotation of \$40,000,000 international loan to Germany under the terms of the Dawes Reparations Plan.

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"Buffalo Bill's" Niece.



MISS CODY ALLEN

Miss Cody Allen, grand niece of the late Buffalo Bill, attended the National Horse Show at the Squadron Armory in New York City.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



CATHERINE TANCHELLA

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

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Fort Bayard Makao 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

Sandakan Mausung 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai Linan 10.30 a.m.

Amoy Yingchow 10.30 a.m.

Swatow Yunguan 10.30 a.m.

Swatow Lukou 12.30 p.m.

Swatow Kueichow 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Amoy Leesong 8.30 a.m.

Amoy Kiangsu 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Amakusa Maru 9 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok Obakang 8.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Chicago Maru 10.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Anger 1.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hyangchow 2.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hwangchow 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Anger 1.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hyangchow 2.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hwangchow 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Anger 1.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hyangchow 2.30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Anger 1.30 p.m.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Anger 1.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hyangchow 2.3